



March at HHBJC

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

March 5

Sisterhood Purim
Basket Assembly

March 7

Junior Congregation

March 8

H2I Purim Carnival at
Hillcrest Jewish Center

March 8

Mah Jongg Club

March 9

PJ Family Connections -
Purim Party Time

March 9

Megillah Reading

March 21

Simcha Shabbat

March 21

Wine Tasting for
Passover

March 22

HHBCSA Movie and
Meet the Farmer

March 23, 30

Adult Ed with Rabbi Wise -
Beyond Dispute: Debates That
Shape Jewish Life

March 25

Sisterhood Chocolate Seder
at Marathon Jewish Center

WINE TASTING FOR PASSOVER



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 21
AT 9 PM**

We will feature a broad
selection of fine premium
kosher wines provided by
Hakerem Kosher Wines and
Liquors and Royal Wines,
guaranteed to enhance your
Seder.

A light buffet will be
provided to compliment
the wine.

*****FREE for Members Who
Reserve in Advance*****

**\$20 Donation Per Person for
Walk-ins and Non-Members**

RSVP to the Center office

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise The Sages I



Rabbi Binyamin
Lau is one of
the most impor-
tant leaders in
the Jewish

world today. He is a devoted
Zionist and Orthodox rabbi who
believes in multiple pathways
to Jewish meaning and inspira-
tion. This was evident when he
gave a blessing to his gay
brother, Amichai Lau-Lavie, at
his JTS ordination a few years
ago. Rabbi Lau is a harsh critic
of the Israeli chief rabbinate
(though he's related to the
Laus who have served as chief
Ashkenazi rabbis past and pre-
sent). And he's the founder of
the 929 Project—bringing the
study of a chapter of Bible
every day to all walks of Israeli
life in a pluralistic fashion.

I have long wanted to read
Rabbi Lau's series called *The
Sages: Character, Context &
Creativity*. It's a four-volume
series, and in this month's is-
sue of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*,
I want to tell you that the first
volume was exceptional. It
fuses the words of the sages in
Pirkei Avot with the historical
events of the Second Temple
Period.

It is refreshing to read an Or-
thodox rabbi affirm the value of



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removable monthly calendar
of events and service times.**



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, March 6, 2020

Candle Lighting 5:34 PM
Mincha 5:35 PM

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Tetzaveh 9:00 AM
Shabbat Zachor
Mincha 5:20 PM
Havdalah 6:39 PM

Friday, March 13, 2020

Candle Lighting 6:42 PM
Mincha 6:45 PM

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Ki Tisa 9:00 AM
Shabbat Parah
Mincha 6:30 PM
Havdalah 7:46 PM

Friday, March 20, 2020

Candle Lighting 6:50 PM
Mincha 6:50 PM

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:00 AM
Shabbat HaChodesh
Mincha 6:35 PM
Havdalah 7:54 PM

Friday, March 27, 2020

Candle Lighting 6:57 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Vayikra 9:00 AM
Mincha 6:45 PM
Havdalah 8:01 PM

Junior Congregation

March 7
April 4
May 16

All Services begin at 10:30 AM
and are followed by Kiddush
Services led by Erin Seidman

Daily Service Schedule

Monday & Thursday
6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday
7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday
8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday
9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am

Handicap Access

We have an operating handicapped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building.

Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

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The deadline for article and advertising submission is the 10th day of the preceding month. Dateline Editor: Nancy Morse; Please submit articles and letters to the editor via email to: office@hollishillsbaysidejc.org (Word or Publisher format is appreciated)

Notices

Do you receive emails from HHBJC including Rabbi Wise's weekly Shabbat notes? Contact the office to subscribe or subscribe on the homepage at www.hollishillsbaysidejc.org

If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.

Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.



Cantor Sol Zim



Many studies have proven that Music & Song is a great source of healing, both emotionally and physically. Music has a soothing effect on the mind, body and soul. They say that *music* helps secrete endorphins that help in the process of healing. Music can divert one's mind away from pain and suffering, at least temporarily. After some surgeries, patients may be encouraged to undergo music therapy while recuperating.

I recall when Congresswoman Gaby Giffords had been shot and suffered severe brain injuries, it was reported that some of her doctors were using MUSIC as one of the forms of treatment. At that time, they explained that her injury caused damage to the left side of her brain, which controls speech, but by stimulating the right side of the brain, which is impacted by MUSIC, they were able to help the left side rejuvenate and heal. They had explained that through music therapy (singing music and hearing & working with *rhythm*), her speech would be stimulated and would improve. They would sing simple melodies with her like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" which was having an impact on the improvement of her speech.

Our Cantor's Voice

The Power of Music

As a Cantor, I often use music when visiting the sick. When I visit those in the hospital or in hospice I try to sing a melody or prayer that I know will be familiar to them. There are times when I'm visiting someone who is very ill and in a sleep condition, and suddenly, as I am singing, I see a tear rolling down their cheek or I see a smile appear on their face. It is amazing! When they hear me singing to them, they are moved. Every time I see this, I experience overwhelming emotion!

I remember when I used to take the Children's Choir to Nursing Homes and Care Facilities, like; Parker Institute & Margaret Tietz. Once we started to sing for them, they would light up and start to clap their hands and tap their feet. They had big smiles on their faces and they were full of joy! It was amazing how they would become so invigorated.

One incredible experience June and I had was when June's mother, Lena z"l, had been stricken with Herpes Encephalitis Meningitis. She was in a coma for 3 months and the doctors thought she wouldn't make it. I used to sit at her bedside and sing to her. One day, while I was singing to her, she suddenly woke up. It was remarkable! June and I could only thank God. She lived another 11 years.

I also remember when my friend *Leon Charney* z"l was in the hospital in the ICU in a comatose state fighting for his life.

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(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)

the academic study of Jewish tradition. Some traditional Jews have felt that academia was unkind to their religious values; Rabbi Lau insists on the validity of engaging with both the yeshiva and the lecture hall. Thought it appears even before his actual achievement, I believe it is worth quoting in full. He writes in his introduction:

"In the process of my work, I endeavored to be guided by the teaching of Rabbi Elazar ben Azaria: 'Make your ear like a hopper, and acquire a perceptive heart.' The word *afarkeset* (=hopper) has its roots in Greek and connotes a funnel-shaped tool, one side narrow and one side broad. It serves for collecting grain prior to the sifting process. In this context, the funnel image evokes the notion of absorbing the multiplicity of audible voices, all of which are channeled into the funnel of the ear, into the receiver, from where they penetrate a person's consciousness. Rabbi Elazar instructs us to make our ear into a funnel; in other words, to open ourselves up to the expansive absorption of the many and varied voices coming from the world. The funnel neither selects nor censors; it absorbs all of the voices heard in the world of the sages. In the *beit midrash* there is no room for censorship. This is where a person becomes a receptacle for hearing the word of God. It is only then that the second stage arrives: 'acquire a perceptive heart.' The stages of

classification, understanding, and internalization come after the absorption stage. Here too, man is charged with the responsibility of acquiring the heart, of being able to distinguish between the voices and to identify the voices that guides him to the path of God. Every voice has its place; a person must listen to them all. Any voice emanating from God's sanctuary is holy and has a place" (pp. xv-xvi).

Rabbi Lau makes sure to incorporate this approach into his book—fusing his textual and historical presentation with reflections on contemporary applications of his analysis. For example, after unpacking the history of the relationship between the Sages and the Hasmonean ruler-priests, he notes that the modern State of Israel continues to embody that sometimes fraught relationship. He identifies two types of bravery—the "cruse of oil" spiritual tradition, and the Hasmonean tradition of fighting for independence. "None of these levels is indispensable," he writes. "Hanukka is a multifaceted festival and we aspire to reveal its many faces so that they may shed their radiance on the nation returning to its land and to its independence. But even in that independence, the small cruse of oil must be found, to enable the nation to continue its national destiny in light and goodness" (p. 168).

I plan to read one of the remaining three volumes of *The*

Sages each year. No doubt, Rabbi Lau's scholarship will be exceeded only by his principled love of the Jewish People. *The Sages* is a great addition to your home Jewish library!

With blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

Thank You from the Green Team

We are happy to report that in late January we were able to bring seven large heavy bags of shampoos, conditioners, soaps and other toiletries to a collection point in Bayside - to be brought to Puerto Rico to help with earthquake relief.

Thank you to everyone who brought items in to help. We could not have done it without you.

Please visit our Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/hollishillsbaysidejc/>



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Sisterhood

A NOTE FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD

Grab a pen or your iCal and note these dates! Sisterhood has lots going on - and you don't want to miss the fun!

- Thursday March 5th at 2 pm we are filling Purim Baskets and can really use your help if you are available. We offer coffee and cookies and quick and satisfying work!

- Monday evening March 9th at 7 PM is Megillah reading - and we give the Purim baskets out afterward.

- Wednesday evening March 25th at 7:30 pm we are car-pooling and joining our sisters at Marathon Jewish Center for an extra-special Women's Chocolate Seder.

- Sunday April 26th in the afternoon we are having our own Fun With Chocolate. Bring the kids, the grand-kids, the men in your life - all are welcome.

- Wednesday April 29th our own Laura Brodsky and Linda Liederman are presenting at the National Women's League Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island Chapter's Helen Cytryn Study Day, at the South Huntington Jewish Center. The theme is Chesed, Acts of Lovingkindness Within Our Communities. The time is 10 am to 2 pm, with lunch.



Trees for Israel

The Sisterhood of the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center
is delighted to announce
that we have established a Tree Bank
with the Jewish National Fund

Starting right now,
if you want to celebrate an occasion
or plant a tree in Israel in memory of a loved one,
you can just call Shirley Heymann
at 718-454-3292

The cost is only \$16 a tree
and you are supporting your Sisterhood
and Israel at the same time!

- Sunday evening May 31st we are having Dinner and Dancing with Nancy of Dance with Me, the organizer of the weekly dances in the ballroom.

- Then we end our year on Sunday June 28th with a very special event- an afternoon of humor and music. At 4 pm we will have wine and hear once again from the Maine Rebbetzin. Pizza and salad will follow - and then the Maine Rebbetzin's husband and his klezmer band will entertain. We can even dance. It promises to be a terrific and fun time.

Details to follow - but please note the dates now!!

Let's Go to a Chocolate Seder

Once again this year our Sisterhood will be joining the Sisterhood of the Marathon Jewish Center at their always-special Women's Seder.

The date is Wednesday March 25th, at 7:30 pm, at Marathon JC. The cost is only \$5, and the theme is chocolate. What could be bad!!

Please rsvp by March 15th to 917-941-8640 - and please let us know if you would like to car pool. It would be wonderful to have a big group.

HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!



Ohr Chadash News

This past Sunday, the students at Ohr Chadash had the privilege of joining Rabbi David Wise and the members of the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center for the annual World Wide Wrap. This was an eye opening experience for many of our students and especially our younger children who attend the Hebrew school as many have never actually seen a pair of Tefillin up close and personal before. As Rabbi Wise stood at the entrance of the sanctuary welcoming everyone to the program, one of our youngest students gazed up at him and asked, "Rabbi, why are you wearing that funny hat!" Of course they were referring to the Tefillin Shel Rosh-the Tefillin on the rabbi's head! Rabbi Wise began the program by relaying this cute interaction with this student and then proceeded to explain the significance and symbolism of this important Mitzvah. The children learned that Rabbi Wise has been wearing Tefillin since his Bar Mitzvah. They especially had fun guessing his age based on the years he has worn his Tefillin since that day.

We at Ohr Chadash are blessed and fortunate to have such meaningful interactions with our community rabbis who bring Judaism to life. We thank Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center for hosting us at this event and we look forward to seeing our students continue to grow and eventually put those funny hats on their own heads!

Rabbi Dr. Boaz Tmsky





Queens Village
Chit Chat 'Bout This & That
By Sue Heppenheimer

We have survived another winter season,
 And most of us are glad for one great reason,
 Snowfalls have been few & light,
 And between raindrops the sun has shone cold & bright,
 Let's hope that Spring will be a joy for all,
 We want to have a good time until we reach the Fall!

We wish a Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their day and will have their wishes fulfilled. Happy Anniversaries, too, to those who will be together for another year.

The Pitkow family has had many recent celebrations - June Pitkow's sister celebrated a big birthday; daughter Jenna has done a lot of international traveling. Good luck on June's band performances, let the drums roll!

On a serious matter, the passing of Ronnie Gersten's brother was mentioned. This was a great error, it was in the HHJC sectioned, but was an error for which we extend our sincere apologies to the family.

Have a good Purim. Also, as I have requested, let me know any news that I can mention in this column.

JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

As we gain one more hour of daylight, we look to the Spring season with renewed vigor. We celebrate Purim with Pesach around the corner.

Our committee will be delivering Shalach Manot goodies to you during Purim. If you are homebound we will sit and chat and spread our good will.

On another note, please be reminded that we have a list of home care agencies and private home health care individuals. In addition, we have a list of places who will pick up furniture (usually under 75 pounds), clothing and household items if you plan on engaging in a Spring cleaning or plan to move.

Thank you,
 Chag Sameach
 Laura Brodsky

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Chessed Committee Chair

Laura Brodsky:

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H2I Youth
Director
News

Jennifer Gold

Dear Congregants,

Even though February was a short month, our members have been participating in many regional events! Within the chapter, Kadima and Chalutzim participated in some rousing games of laser tag at our very own ICCJ! Many of our USY members will be going to Sababa Kinnus!

H2I members are looking forward to the great month of March. We will be participating in Purim programs, gym nights, and game show nights. One of our programs that we are most excited for is our Purim Carnival which takes place at Hillcrest Jewish Center on Sunday, March 8, 2020 following Hebrew School. Please take a look at our flyer below!

Please also take a look at our March programs below!

CHALUTZIM:

Sun., February 9: Laser Tag – 5:00-6:15 PM at Israel Center of Conservative Judaism- Strap on your pack, grab your lasers and be ready for an intense and fun game of Laser Tag at your very own ICCJ!

KADIMA:

Sun., March 1: NO PROGRAM – KADIMA KINNUS

Sun., March 8: PURIM CARNIVAL at Hillcrest Jewish Center-Details to Follow

Sun., March 15: Laser Tag – Strap on your pack, grab your

lasers and be ready for an intense and fun game of Laser Tag at your very own ICCJ!

Sun., March 22: Gym Night – 6:15-7:30 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center - Come blow off some steam and participate in multiple relay races in the gym.

Sun., March 29: Game Show Night – 6:15-7:30 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center - Have a fun night playing different games like “Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader” and “Minute to Win It” and challenge yourself and your friends

Friday, February 28 to Saturday, March 1 - METNY KADIMA KINNUS (Grades 5-7) - Details to Follow

USY:

Sun., March 1: PURIM Program– 7:30-9:00 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center - Join us as we learn the story of Purim while making our very own Hamantashen!

Sun., March 8: PURIM CARNIVAL at Hillcrest Jewish Center-Details to Follow

Sun., March 15: Laser Tag- 7:30-9:00 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center – Strap on your pack, grab your lasers and be ready for an intense and fun game of Laser Tag at your very own ICCJ!

Sun., March 22: Gym Night – 7:30-9:00 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center - Enjoy your favorite classic sports during this recreational night with friends!

Sun., March 29: Coffee Shop – 7:30-9:00 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center - Need a night just to chill with friends? Sit back and relax with some food with a side of Karaoke!

If any questions arise, please feel free to reach out at any time at my email H2IYouth@H2lyouthgroup.org

Thank you,

Jen Gold



H2I Youth Group
invites you to join us for our
annual

**PURIM
CARNIVAL**



**Sunday, March 8, 2020
12:30 – 3:00 PM
at Hillcrest Jewish Center
(183-02 Union Turnpike)**

**Fun Games, Moonbounce, Face
Painting, Meet your Favorite
Character, Balloon Twisting,
Delicious Food, and More!**

Game Ticket Prices:
5 for \$3 18 for \$10

Raffles: TO BE ANNOUNCED





BQLI Region Helen Cytryn Study Day

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 • 5 Iyar 5780

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Think Global, Act Local Acts of Lovingkindness within Our Communities

Featuring

Rabbi Ian Jacknis, South Huntington Jewish Center
Dr. Larry & Rita Gottlieb, Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre
Laura Brodsky & Linda Liederman, Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center
Diane Harvey, Safe Center Long Island, Bethpage

South Huntington Jewish Center

2600 New York Ave., Melville, NY 11747
Just north of Northern State Parkway, Exit 30

Registration and coffee: 9:15 a.m.

Program followed by lunch: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

RSVP Deadline: April 22nd • \$44 BQLI Sisterhood Members & Spouses • \$48 Non-members

Questions? Contact Barbara Kaplan, BQLI Region Torah Fund VP, barbkrd63@gmail.com or 516-302-6939

BQLI Region Helen Cytryn Study Day, Wednesday, April 29, 2020 • RSVP Deadline: April 22nd

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Sisterhood Name and Town: _____

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In memory of Joel Lehrman's
beloved sister Ailene
Eleanor Ulrich, Stephanie &
Jerry, Courtney & Lylah

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Michael Borman

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Irene Borman

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Esta Newman
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Ronnie Gersten
Jo Ann Luquis

In honor of Lynne & Marvin
Sklamberg to thank them for
the beautiful kiddush in
memory of A. Irwin Miller
Beate Axelrad

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 Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

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**Below is a monthly calendar for posting on bulletin boards and refrigerators**

~ March 2020 ~ Adar - Nisan 5790 ~						
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1 Adar 5 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	2 Adar 6 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	3 Adar 7 Minyan Times 7 AM & 7:30 PM	4 Adar 8 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	5 Adar 9 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise – 12 PM Sisterhood Purim Basket Assembly - 2 PM	6 Adar 10 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:34 PM Mincha 5:35 PM	7 Adar 11 Tetzaveh 9 AM Shabbat Zachor Mincha 5:20 PM Havdalah 6:39 PM Junior Congregation - 10:30 AM
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His wife called me and asked me to come to the hospital and sing to him. She firmly believed that music, specifically Cantorial music, would help bring him out of his dire state and bring him back. After all, Leon was a lover of Cantorial music. Two other Cantors that Leon loved also came to sing at his bedside. Well, after time, he did progress, came out of his coma and was finally able to leave the hospital. He was still not functioning well but he did survive the life-threatening episode and was able to live life for several years to come. He even came to our first concert at Lefrak Concert Hall with his wife Tzili.

Research has also shown that MEMORY is affected by many different factors and one of these factors is indeed MUSIC, which stimulates part of the brain. Many studies show that MUSIC ENHANCES the STORAGE AND RECALL OF MEMORY. Therapists now use **Music Therapy** to help people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia.

Recently, the *TODAY* Show, on *NBC*, presented a segment on *THE POWER OF MUSIC*. Their first story was about a "*SINGING NURSE*" from Staten Island, who goes to patient's homes (as a visiting nurse) and in addition to performing the necessary medical treatments like taking blood pressure, administering medications, taking care of wounds, etc., she also sings with them.

She sings all different sorts of songs, whatever the patients like. As they pointed out in the segment, she is like a virtual jukebox. She sings cute little melodies, TV Show Theme songs, pop, and even rock and so much more. She sings whatever the patients like and whatever song makes them feel good. You could see the patients light up, sing along and look at ease, and she does it with warmth. It was beautiful to see!

The *TODAY* show also showed another story about an ORCHESTRA that was comprised of individuals, many of whom were dealing with difficult issues in their lives. As an "ORCHESTRA", they became a FAMILY. The comradery and friendship they experience while sharing & creating music together, elevates their spirits and helps them get through some of their personal difficulties. They explain how their CONDUCTOR is also part of their *Musical Family* and you could see in their faces how much being a part of the Orchestra helped them feel a sense of belonging and community and made them feel better about life! It seems that there are several of such community Orchestras across the country, lifting spirits & emotions!

Although I am a Cantor & I live and breathe music on a daily basis, I am still always amazed at the **POWER OF MUSIC** and the incredible effect it has on

people's minds, bodies & souls!

Let us Sing Together as a Community, Lift our Voices & Spirits Together as a Community, as we Continue to Be There for Each Other!

REMEMBER; there is nothing like the **SOUND OF MUSIC!**

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,

Cantor Sol Zim



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is www.hollishillsbaysidejc.org.

The site has been given a new look with more up-to-date information. There is a section where you can find Shabbat hours for the coming weekend. There is an events section to keep you informed on all of our exciting programs. There is a section for Loss and Shiva information.

Please check out all the changes and let us know if you have any suggestions to further aid us in putting our best face on the web for current and potential members.



LET'S GO TO A CHOCOLATE SEDER



Once again this year our Sisterhood will be joining the Sisterhood of the Marathon Jewish Center at their always-special Women's Seder.

The date is Wednesday March 25th, at 7:30 pm, at Marathon JC.
The cost is only \$5, and the theme is chocolate. What could be bad!!

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How Does Moses Like His
Tea...Hebrews It!

Now that I have your attention (as well, I hope, as your forgiveness for the *silly/charming* superscription above), let's proceed to a more sobering concern: the challenge of *informed patriotism*. Ok? Pres. Reagan, I believe, cited that concept decades ago. Clearly it has continuing relevance. In today's swirling times when *globalization-mania* pre-occupies so much of our political conversation, *responsible local citizenship* demands re-examination.

Brexit should have tipped us off. Compassionate concern for the welfare of the wide, wide world...beyond the immediate needs of our own families, friends and neighbors... requires moral boundaries & practical restraints. Such restraints do not reflect or in any way constitute isolationism. Jews such as myself, the child of immigrants in desperate flight from tyranny overseas, understand that distinction only too well. As does Chana.

Indifference to the needs of strangers is anathema to our Jewish moral/religious code. Our patriarchal father Abraham, our Midrash tells us, had four entrances to his tent so that a thirsty stranger from the east or west, north or south, could reach him – or *he* could reach out as swiftly and helpfully as possible *to them*.

On the other hand, a father who feeds the hungry children living next door *before* he feeds his own three kids living under his own leaking roof would probably *not* win "The Father of the Year" award...would he? Our Talmud taught us long ago, "ANIYEI IRCHA KODMIM!" i.e. "The Poor of Your Own City Should Be Fed First!" Agreed.

At this point, we need some careful, sophisticated analysis. Let's try. Our Torah has given us this magnificent commandment: "V'AHAVTA L'REIACHA KAMUCHA" i.e. "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself". Right? Everyone is familiar with this mitzvah. Christian theology, borrowing from our scriptural sources makes this Jewish concept central to its faith. Secular western culture similarly has made this Jewish ethical principle a pillar of modern society. However, what if an individual's "amour propre", i.e. self-love, is low, weak, wobbly? Worse, what if he/she secretly despises him/herself? Or, what if a person is a humble type who doesn't give himself/herself enough credit for his/her own worth?

That implies that individuals with low self-esteem may never give others sufficient credit for *their* actual worth! Unconsciously, some hollow-souled folks may even go around *over-evaluating* others just to make up for their own *self-underestimation*! What's the solution? Simple: *In order to love others appropriately, you first have to love yourself ap-*

propriately! Self respect comes first!

Our ancient Rabbinic sage, Hillel put it this way: "*IM EIN ANI LI, MI LI !*" i.e. "*If I Am Not For Myself, Who Will Be For Me! But if I am for myself alone, what am I?*" Applying that Rabbinic concept to our new administration in Washington and its commitment to "*Make America Great Again!*", we can rightly infer that it is perfectly moral - and indeed wise - for our government to prioritize our own economic, social, cultural, military and political strength. Such a strategy would empower us to reach out to other nations and individuals in need with greater efficacy and authority...not based on initial selfishness or arrogance but on common sense and traditional ethical/spiritual insight.

Esther and Mordechai made the same plea: Save the Jews first from Haman's tyrannical ambitions and then the entire Persian empire with its huge global reach will be similarly redeemed from destruction. Purim has many lessons for us. Appropriate self prioritization is one of them! The airlines admonish us similarly: *Put on your oxygen mask first and then put on your child's mask in cases of emergency!*

G-d bless a strong, great again America! Nations in need all over our shared globe-including our beloved Israel- will be much better off with an economically, educationally and

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**March Birthdays**

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A. Susan Greenberg	3/3
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Lori Spiel	3/6
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Ilene Goldman	3/25
Steven Kahan	3/25
Vivienne Mosse	3/27
Marlene Perl	3/28
Martin Brodsky	3/29
Natalie Winter	3/29
Joan Green	3/30
Beverly Meyer	3/30
Andrew Bagon	3/31

March Anniversaries

Lori & David Spiel	3/3
Carol & Paul Hendelman	3/7
Diane & Arnold Landau	3/11
Marina & Alfred Weisz	3/11
Karen & Ira Chazan	3/13
Jeannette & Ira Goller	3/27

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militarily enriched America more adequately prepared to reach out with traditional generosity and effective strength.

Happy Purim!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes and Family.

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